

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/208,998 Confirmation No.: 8916  
Applicant : Ganesan et al.  
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Examiner : John W. Van Bramer  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. These amendments and remarks accompany a Request for Continue Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, submitted contemporaneously herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.